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## Little Wound schedules Readers Theater/ Oral Interp camp

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KYLE - For the second year in a row, Little Wound School has scheduled a Readers Theater/ Oral Interp Camp; this year the camp will run July 29 through August 2 at Little Wound School,

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JoAnn Sierra has been working at the Wakpamni Service Center since 2007, as the employee with the most seniority, she was chosen to cut the ribbon as Wakpamni district broke ground on the new government services building this past Wednesday.

## Wakpamni District breaks ground on new service center

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Slow Bull's Wife, photographed by Edward E. Curtis in 1907. Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

## Hospitality and Hostages

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This is our Week 4 (July 22-28) "dispatch" from an infamous 1874 expedition to find gold in Paha Sapa that took place exactly one hundred and fifty years ago. We mine the rich archive of documentary records that it produced to ask what it reveals about

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## Smoke Signals -Reprint

BY CRAIG HOWE AND LUKAS RIEPPEL

As the expedition marched south from the sacred cave that we described last week, the Black Hills came within view. "What a glorious moment," a private named Theodore Ewert exclaimed when he first saw them on July 17th.

But expedition soldiers were uneasy too. As we already discussed, Black Elk's account indicates they were under surveillance. And this week, they felt watched.

(If you'd like to track the expedition's movements, please visit our website: <https://tinyurl.com/rwaffkbbk>).

On July 13th, Captain McDougall saw a "body of Indians" whom he suspected of monitoring their movements. General

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Smoke Signals, by Oscar Howe, ca. 1953.

## OST 2024 Election Timeline

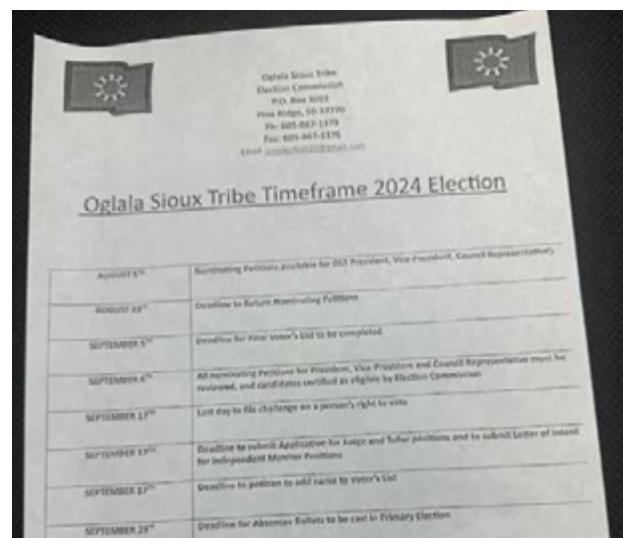
Petitions available Aug. 5

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Petitions for positions of OST President, Vice President and tribal council representatives are available from the OST Election Commission starting Monday August 5; completed petitions need to be returned no later than Friday, August 23 with candidates certified on September 6. OST Primary ballot posted on September 26 with OST Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, polls open 8am closed 8pm, election results certified October 8.

Nominating petitions for Secretary, Treasurer, Fifth member and Sgt at Arms/Critic available October 24, General Election sample ballot posted

October 28, deadline to return nominating petitions for Secretary, Treasurer, Fifth Member and Sgt at Arms/Critic Nov. 4; OST General Election November 5, polls open at 8am, close at 8pm, certified results November 16; swearing in of new officials on December 3.



## Her Many Horses new Chief of Police

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Oglala - Last week, the OST Council met in special session at the Prairie Wind Casino hotel conference room, after interviews of six of the eight Chief of Police candidates, Grace Her Many Horses was selected as the OST Department of Public Safety new Chief of Police.

Candidates inter-

viewed included Danielle Conroy Means who has been in law enforcement for 17 years and had worked in all nine districts; Mark Mesteth who has worked 25 years in law enforcement, had been an acting chief of police for almost a year and had been a captain; John Pettigrew, currently the interim chief, had been through basic training at Artesia and Criminal Investigation training and been

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Grace Her Many Horses. Photo: Sicangu Eyapaha





## LITTLE WOUND SCHEDULES READERS THEATER/ORAL INTERP CAMP

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in Dan Snethen's classroom and the school's amphitheater.

"Last year, we had seven students who worked hard, carried the momentum forward into the school year and qualified for State, earning a Superior ranking," said Dan Snethen, Little Wound oral Interp coach and camp coordinator, "we had nationally known Shirlene and Brandon Joseph direct the camp, using the writings of Joseph Marshall, "Walking with Grandfather" was created for the Readers Theater and became an award winner."

Shirlene and Brandon Joseph will be back this year, we're looking for 12-15 students to participate, it's open to all students from seventh grade to 12th grade from any school, added Snethen, it's a great opportunity to learn about Readers Theater and Oral Interp, it'll offer a challenge, be fun, it offers a chance to be creative. Not sure yet what will be the subject area for Readers Theatre but one area maybe, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

"We'll have opportunities to look at all seven areas of oral Interp as well, serious reading, duet interpretation, humorous reading, non-original oratory, poetry reading, readers theatre and storytelling," said Snethen, "oral Interp is such a great opportunity to gain self confidence, to learn life skills, to become comfortable in speaking in front of an audience, this camp offers students great experiences."

The camp will have two sessions each day, 10am to 12noon and 1:00-3:00pm each day, free of charge. For information call Dan Snethen at 605 201-6930 or email Dan at snethen@hotmail.com.

Oral Interp will once again be part of the Lakota Nation Invitational in December; last year five schools competed in four areas, Readers Theatre, poetry reading, storytelling and original oratory including Little Wound, Takini, White River, Custer and RC Christian. We hope to have more schools and maybe add another performance area added Snethen; for a couple of the performance areas last year, we had standing room only.



Little Wound's award winning Readers Theater group from last year included Malik Eastman, Ava Young Bear, Natalie Campbell and Nikolas Yellow Boy.

## HOSPITALITY AND HOSTAGES

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the region's Native inhabitants. To follow along online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/rwaffkbk>.

On July 26, 1874, the expedition came across an old "Indian" camp and what looked like a hastily abandoned campsite. They found smoldering coals and discarded animal bones, as well as fresh-cut tipi poles. They also found wooden stakes driven into the ground for stretching and drying animal skins.

Later that day, Arikaran scouts located a third camp of twenty-seven Lakotans (fifteen children, seven women, and five men). When a company of soldiers (and newspaper reporters) arrived, Fred Power, writing for the *St. Paul Press*, found an "encampment" that "looks beautiful, as we saw it through our glasses. The white buckskins newly tanned, that covered the lodge poles, were as white as an officer's tent before it comes in contact with storm or sunshine. The [women] seated on the ground cutting up deer meat, others eating and some beading moccasins, the young Indians lying around in every attitude enjoying their freedom and the sunshine, and the dogs, lying in the shade of a tipi were happy." It was an idyllic scene, but Custer ordered the soldiers to surround it while the interpreter Louis Agard approached to make contact.

The outcome of that encounter was disastrous for the camp and

its inhabitants. One of the men, Long Bear, was shot, and another, One Stab, was held hostage and forced to serve as a guide for the expedition. Everyone else fled, but to avoid benefitting the expedition, they first destroyed their possessions they had to leave behind, including their lodges, tools, and food stores.

But before these tragic events, expedition accounts record that in response to the sudden appearance of enemy scouts and US soldiers, one of the Lakotan men, Slow Bull, invited some of the soldiers into his wife's buffalo hide tipi. Amazingly, she was a daughter of the famous Oglalan leader, Red Cloud. "Mrs. R. C. Slow Bull," as Nathan Knapp called her, "had been much frightened" by the unexpected visitors. But upon realizing that immediate violence was averted, she "gave expression to a countenance indicating a warm heart [and] became very sociable and was really glad to welcome us and entertained us in a lively manner."

According to Dakota ethnographer Ella Deloria, "The tipi was a carefully designed and proudly erected structure, in obedience to exact rules of procedure and making, and a safe, kindly place inside." Knappen noted that Mrs. Slow Bull's tipi "was the neatest and cleanest of the five" in the camp and that her family's belongings "not needed for immediate use were packed

away, neatly tied up in clean skins. The floors were carpeted with other skins, and on every hand was evidence of taste and industry—and vanity as well."

The four essential components of a tipi, according to Delora, were the lodge poles, the buffalo hide cover, the lacing pins that hold the ends of the cover together, and the anchoring pins that hold the cover to the earth. Regarding the poles, pine was preferred "because of its strength and slenderness. All women aspired to owning pine lodge poles someday, but not all were ever that fortunate."

Mrs. Slow Bull and the women who owned the other tipis were in the Black Hills to harvest lodgepole pine trees and prepare them as tipi poles for their lodges. They were processing game animals for meat, clothing, supplies, and tools for their families, and gathering herbs and berries for medicines and fruit. Confronted by enemy scouts and American soldiers, Mrs. Slow Bull responded with grace and hospitality, welcoming them into her home. Expedition members reciprocated with violence.

*The Center for American Indian Research and Native Studies (CAIRNS) is an Indian-controlled nonprofit research and education center founded in 2004 and located in the Lacreek District of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.*

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**Continuing Students:** Have a 2024-2025 FAFSA on file. Enroll in Fall 2024 courses through Jenzabar using the tentative schedule sent by your counselor if applicable. Contact your local college center for further information and assistance as well as to confirm which admission documents may be needed.

**Bookstore:** Students must have a 2024-2025 FAFSA on file to receive a book voucher and be approved by the Financial Aid Office. Book vouchers will be emailed to the student's email address from the "Customer Experience" automated email from the bookstore. Books can now be ordered. Ensure you're logged into the Single Sign On (SSO) and to my.olc.edu in your web browser then click "The Online Bookstore" tab. Here, you'll see the OLC's Online bookstore through [olc.textbookx.com](http://olc.textbookx.com). For books and supplies that can only be ordered through OLC's Bookstore, students will need to fill out a form available on the OLC's website-[www.olc.edu](http://www.olc.edu), under the Textbook Assistance tab. Need help? Contact bookstore staff at [olc.textbookx.com/Help](http://olc.textbookx.com/Help) or call 605-455-6075. Bookstore: On-line Bookstore opens June 24, 2024. Free shipping week: August 4 – August 10, 2024.

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